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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, SW

SUBJECT: CENTER ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, POLCOUNS CALLED ON MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR UN AFFAIRS, BERNER, TO DISCUSS CANDIDATES FOR POST OF MNC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER DIRECTOR. DRAWING ON POINTS SET FORTH REFTEL, POLCOUNS EMPHASIZED OUR INTEREST IN HAVING DIRECTOR OF PROVEN PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY. REASONS FOR OUR OPPOSITION TO CANDIDACY OF JUAN SOMAVIA WERE SET FORTH, WITH POINT MADE THAT OUR OBJECTIONS STEMMED SOLELY FROM HIS LACK OF OBJECTIVITY TOWARDS ISSUES INVOLVED AND NOT FROM ANY CONNECTION WITH FORMER CHILEAN REGIME.

2. BERNER REPLIED THAT GOS HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON ISSUE, BUT THAT SWEDEN HAS NO CANDIDATE OF ITS OWN NOR ANY INTENTION OF PROPOSING A CANDIDATE IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF CANDIDATES APPARENTLY AVAILABLE. AFTER POLCOUNS LISTED POSSIBLE CANDIDATES (REFTEL, BERNER SAID NONE WAS KNOWN PERSONALLY TO HIM AND THAT GOS WOULD HAVE TO STUDY QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES CAREFULLY. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BERNER SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING CENTER WOULD BE LOCATED IN CANADA, THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGE IN HAVING CANADIAN IN POST. HE SAID GOS REGARDED PHILIPPE DE SEYNES AS WELL QUALIFIED FOR THIS POSITION AND REGRETTED THAT DE SEYNES WOULD NOT ACCEPT POST.

3. WITH REGARD TO SOMAVIA, BERNER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MEMBERS OF GOS UN DELEGATION WHO WERE ACQUAINTED WITH HIM OR KNEW OF HIS REPUTATION WERE NOT RPTNOTFAVORABLY IMPRESSED. GOS, HE CONTINUED, WOULD NOT FAVOR PERSON FOR THE POST WHO WAS NOT PROFESSIONALLY AND TEMPERAMENTALLY WELL QUALIFIED FOR IT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT SINCE POST WOULD BE FILLED BY UNSYG'S NOMINATION (RATHER THAN BY ELECTION), SWEDEN WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE "OUT IN FRONT" IN LOBBYING FOR OR AGAINST ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

4. BERNER PROMISED TO NOTIFY US PROMPTLY OF ANY CHANGE OF
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FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN SWEDISH POSITION ON QUESTION.
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